

## **Joseph: Settling In As Sojourners The Life of Joseph**

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### **Key Truth:**

No matter where God plants us, He fulfills His Plan through us.

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As we come to the end of this study on the Life of Joseph, we see Joseph's family settling into their new home in Egypt. Through Joseph's wise planning, God begins to fulfil his promise to Abraham, and sets in motion a Plan that would culminate over 400 years later in the great Exodus of the Children of Israel from Egypt. In this sermon we learn three works that God performs in His people—works that we also experience in our Journey with Jesus Christ.

### **DISCUSS**

Read **Genesis 47:1-12** and discuss with the group a statement or concept that stood out to you or impacted you in the sermon on "Joseph: Settling in As Sojourners."

### **DIG IN**

Through Joseph's wise planning...

**1. God fulfilled His Plan to Sanctify His People.** (Gen. 47:1-4)

**Read Genesis 46:33-34:** Describe how Joseph planned to keep his brothers set apart from the rest of the Egyptians.

In what ways does this geographic set-apartness illustrate how God's people live sanctified lives today?

**Read John 17:17:** What is the means Jesus uses to sanctify His disciples? What does that work for us practically?

**2. God fulfilled His Plan to Bless His People.** (Gen. 47:5-10)

**Read Genesis 12:1-3:** In what ways is God's promise to Abram being fulfilled in Joseph's day, in the way Jacob blesses Pharaoh and in the way Pharaoh blesses Joseph?

In what ways is God's plan to bless the world fulfilled in Jesus Christ?

What are some ways God's people today can bless those around them?

**3. God fulfilled His Plan to Sustain His People.** (Gen. 47:11-12)

In what ways did God sustain the children of Israel through Joseph and Pharaoh?

Does this assure you in your own faith? Why or why not?

### **DO**

Of the three components to God's plan that we discussed (sanctification, blessing, and sustenance), which one appeals to you the most? In what ways will your life change this week by paying more attention to the other two?